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B. F. Beardmore, chairman of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium committee, is the father of basket ball in this city. Although the game has just recently been introduced it is all the rage about the association now.

The several gymnasium classes have taken it up and are receiving instructions in the game from their teachers. Within the past fortnight intensely interesting games have taken place in the gymnasium hall between teams picked from the classes.

Last evening Mr. Beardmore and instructors Sam Johnson and David Koli organized four teams out of the best material in the gymnasium. The personnel of the teams is as follows:

John B. Freitas, captain; R. Ross, J. Tracy, H. Hatchelor, Julius Asch; substitute, William Raposo.

Sam Johnson, captain; M. Olsen, D. G. Sylvester, C. E. Moore, J. W. Cook; substitute, R. King.

Chris Willis, Captain; Ben Clarke, L. Gay, Mr. Holster, F. P. Atkins; substitute, J. Clarke.

B. F. Beardmore, captain; Robert Bicknell, David Koli, Andrew Phillips, R. Poppleton; substitute, Wm. Hobson.

The teams will go into training at once. It is expected that by New Year's some interesting matches will be arranged. All of the teams will have an opportunity to try conclusions with each other before the season is over. Last evening a match between the teams captained by Sam Johnson and Chris Willis resulted in a victory for the former. There were a number of spectators present.

The game of basket ball is similar in principle to foot ball except that in the former there is no kicking of the pigskin. The goals of the two games are very much different. In basket ball the goals are cone shaped receptacles, measuring eighteen inches in circumference at the mouth and twelve inches deep. They are placed in a vertical position with the mouth ten feet from the ground. They are so constructed as to hold, until emptied, the ball when it has been thrown in.

The teams may be composed of five, seven or nine men. Mr. Beardmore has found the space of the gymnasium hall more adapted for teams consisting of five men. Only bona fide members of the association are permitted to play.

The line up is very similar to that of foot ball. The teams meet each other in the center of the hall. The referee tosses the ball into the air and when it comes down the game is off. He also throws up the ball at the beginning of the second half, after each goal, and whenever play is to be resumed after "time" has been called.

After the ball has been put into play it must first be touched by one of the center men. The game consists of two halves of twenty minutes each. The ball may be thrown or batted in any direction by both hands but must not be kicked or struck with fists. A player cannot run with the ball either in or out of bounds. He must throw it from the spot where he catches it. Allowance is made, however, in case the player is running, providing he throws it at once or stops as soon as possible. The ball must be held by the hands only.

There is no tackling, holding, shoving, pushing, tripping or striking in the game, a very happy feature indeed. When the ball goes out of bounds by crossing the lines it is returned by the side first touching it.

When a foul has been declared by the umpire, the opposite side is entitled to a free throw for goal at a distance of twenty feet from the basket and directly in front of it. If the player misses goal, the ball is in play.

The game of basket ball has quite a bit of the fascination of the great international game of foot ball. In the former all the dangers of injury are entirely eliminated. Great skill is required in throwing the ball correctly to land it in the basket. The playing is much more livelier and exciting than many outdoor games.

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It was during the war of the Revolution, when the British lines extended above New York, on both sides of the Hudson, and the Vallance mansion was two miles within them. From the very beginning of the war Mrs. Vallance had sided with the English, for she was of English birth.

George Vallance, a widower with one child, a daughter, had married Alice de Vere, a widow with one child, a son, in the year 1774. With no fortune save remarkable beauty of person, she had fascinated George Vallance. At that time her son, Rudolph de Vere, was in his twentieth year, and Cora, the daughter of Vallance, in her sixteenth.

At the bloody battle of Long Island Captain Vallance had fallen, and even his grave could not be located among the hundreds that studied the battlefield.

The widow, yet in matronly prime, was seated before the crackling fire when the clock struck 10.

As the dial ceased to vibrate with the last stroke, the door opening from the hall was tapped thrice from without, and as the widow raised her head and said sharply, "Come," a young man of 24 or 25 entered cautiously, who wore the garb of a British officer.

"You have brought your troops?" "More than enough to capture ten rebels," said Captain Rudolph, for whom his mother's influence had procured a British commission. "You are sure Horace Sinclair is in the summer house?"

"Would to heaven I were as sure that the arch rebel of all, Mr. Washington, were there," said the widow sternly. "Twice have I heard his signal to Cora. The letter I wrote him he has deemed his Cora's, imploring him to hazard even life itself to meet her this night in the lonely summer house. Have you the chaplain with you?"

"He is below in the dining hall. He knows why he is here—to make me a married man. But, mother, can you force Cora to become my wife?"

"You shall see," was the cold and firm response. "Enough! Go, capture Horace Sinclair," she said, with a slight shudder. "Bring him hither, bound. When you return, let the chaplain be with you. Cora shall meet you and ere you part shall be your wife."

Her reckless son left her, and she rang a small bell as he departed. "Tell Miss Vallance," said she to the prompt servant who answered to her call, "that I desire her here immediately."

The servant hurried to obey. She soon returned, bearing a lamp and followed by the lovely orphan. Cora Vallance silently bowed her head as she entered.

"Wait!" was all that the widow said, and as she spoke loud shouts, pistol shots and the clash of steel reached her ear.

Cora glanced uneasily toward the door and then to her stepmother's face. Ere long Rudolph threw open the door and was followed by two British dragoons, who escorted a young man clad in the uniform of a continental major of cavalry.

A short, ill looking man in black brought up the rear. "Horace, and a prisoner!" exclaimed Cora.

"The same," said Rudolph, fierce with a bloody gash that scanned his cheek. "The rascal has slain two of my best men. But he shall die the death of a spy."

"My uniform proves that I am no spy," said Horace Sinclair. "I have fallen into a snare and am a prisoner of war—no spy. Cora, did you write me a summons hither?"

"Never, Horace," said Cora in astonishment. "It is some trick of this!"

"Of mine?" said Mrs. Vallance sharply. "Gone, we have no time to lose. Cora, you see that gentleman in black? He is the Rev. Charles Fairweather. He is here to make you the wife of my son!"

"The wife of your son's meanest trooper shall I be sooner than this!" exclaimed Cora.

"Consent," said Mrs. Vallance, "or see Horace Sinclair hanged upon the tree where he and you have so often met!"

"They dare not hang me, Cora," said the calm voice of the bound officer. "I am taken in my uniform and no spy. Do not be imposed upon."

"Do not sing so boldly," said Mrs. Vallance. "The hanging of a rebel, uniformed or not, is a pleasure to our loyal English general."

"Cora Vallance, you see that dial. It is now 20 minutes after 10. If, when the minute hand shades the cipher 6, your lips have not made you my son's wife, Horace Sinclair swings."

"Oh, Horace! What shall I do?" cried Cora as the silence grew terrible.

"Let me die a thousand times rather than behold you the wife of that renegade, who slew his mother's husband," said Sinclair.

"Oh, Horace!" and weeping bitterly she flung herself upon her brave lover's bosom, and ere the furious son and fiendish mother could tear them asunder Cora's quick hand, armed with a dagger, had severed the cords that bound the American's arms.

Sinclair snatched a saber from the hand of the nearest trooper and sprang upon the other, who went down, clenching to the chin.

Wheeling fiercely, the saber clashed with that of Rudolph, and sweeping back from the shock came down with a mighty slash that sheared the ruffian's right arm from the shoulder.

Shouts and the sharp tumult of sudden strife without smote Rudolph's ears as he lay, and at the next moment the room was filled with American dragoons, led by one whom he deemed long dead—George Vallance!

"Just in time, my boy," said Vallance, who had escaped from the slaughter of Long Island, and for purposes of his own bore another name in the American army.

"I mistrusted this when I found the decoy letter written by that tigre. Intending to trap, I found the letter in your tent, and collecting a score of your dragoons hastened to save you."

An hour after, as British soldiers filled the house, so timely vacated by the Americans, they found Mrs. Vallance lying upon the body of her son and as dead as he. The sudden shock had slain her.

When the war was over, year after year, Colonel Horace Sinclair and his bride, Cora, with Major Vallance, returned to the scene. But it was to see the mansion a heap of charred ruins.—Exchange.

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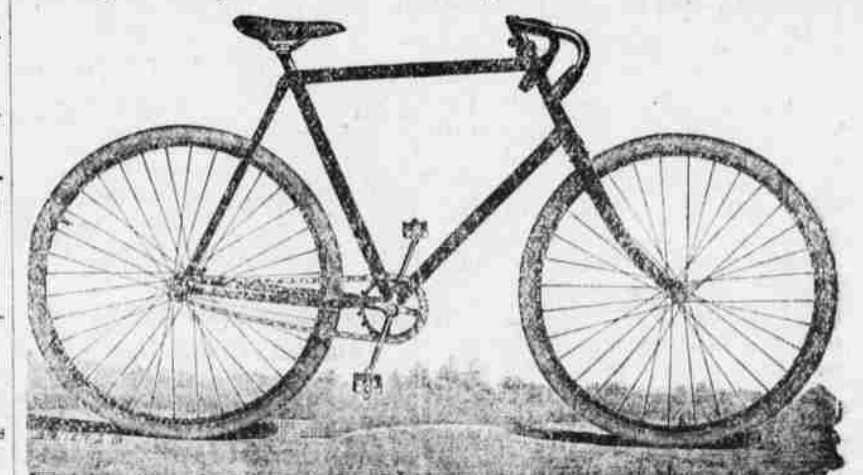
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